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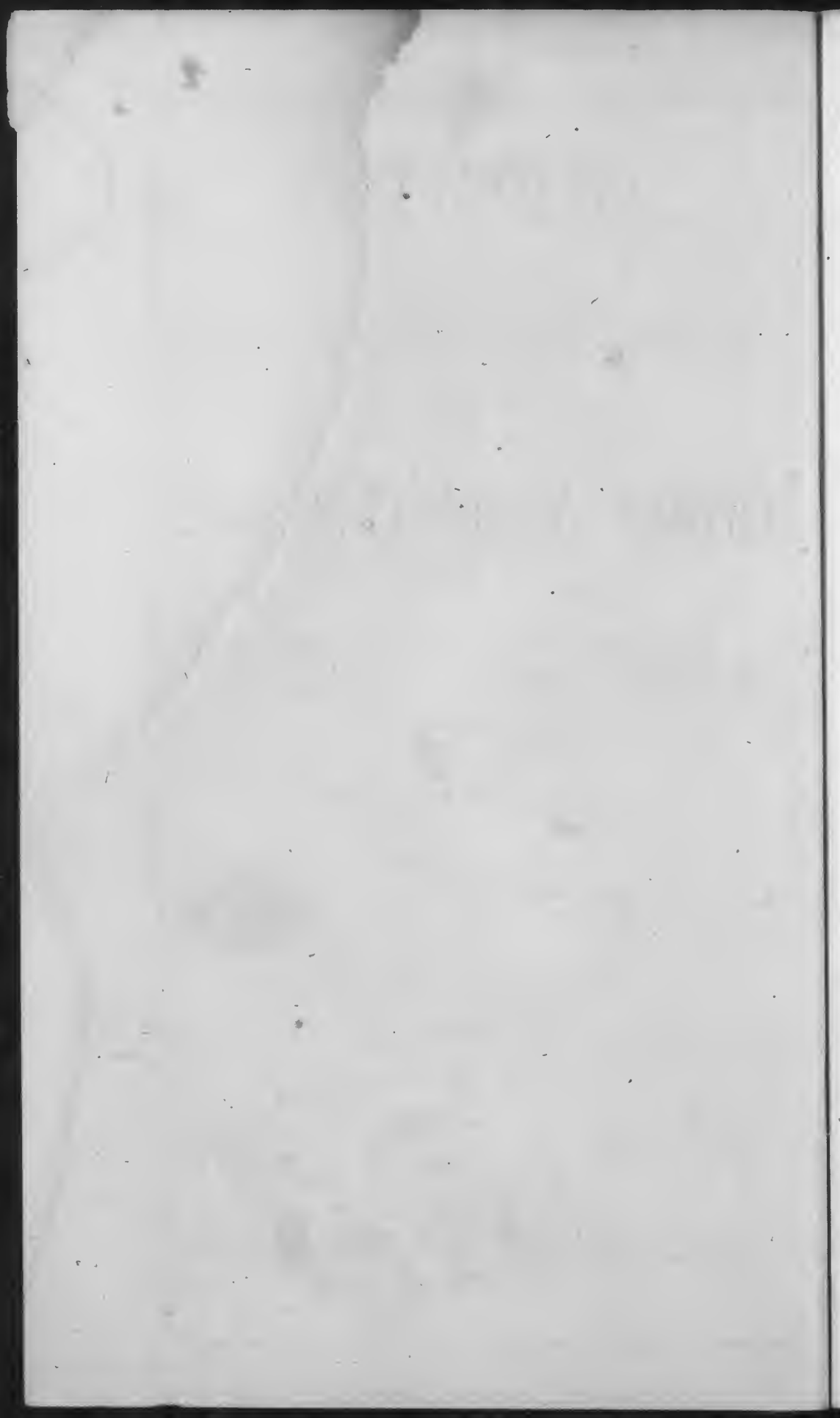
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1866.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment in the Starr Church, Baltimore, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President Dr. J. J. Murray, who read the 122d Psalm, and the third chapter of the first epistle of John, announced the 557th hymn, and offered an appropriate prayer. On motion Rev. Wm. W. Reese was appointed Assistant Secretary pro tem.

On motion, the Secretaries were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Roll was then called as follows:

MINISTERS.

✓ Eli Henkle,	✓ H. J. Day,	✓ C. T. Cochel,
✓ D. E. Reese,	✓ Dr. F. Swentzel,	✓ J. E. T. Ewell,
✓ John W. Everist,	✓ T. M. Bryan,	✓ S. A. Hoblitzell,
✓ Dr. F. Waters,	✓ Jesse Shreeve,	✓ J. E. Maloy,
✓ J. K. Nichols,	✓ J. A. McFaden,	✓ J. L. Mills,
✓ John Elderdice,	✓ J. M. Dennis,	✓ Henry Nice,
✓ John R. Nichols,	✓ J. H. Ellegood,	✓ G. W. Burns,
✓ Dr. A. S. Eversole,	✓ E. J. Drinkhouse,	✓ Robert Whinna,
✓ James M. Elderdice,	✓ J. F. Whiteside,	✓ M. E. Hysore,
✓ L. W. Bates,	✓ J. T. Murray,	✓ J. W. Charlton,
✓ Alfred Baker,	✓ Jeremiah Clay,	✓ J. B. Jones,
✓ S. B. Southerland,	✓ Thomas Lee,	✓ W. M. Poisal,
✓ H. P. Jordan,	✓ W. S. Hammond,	✓ G. W. Simpson,
✓ T. L. McLean,	✓ H. C. Cushing,	✓ G. S. Battersby,
✓ Dr. J. J. Murray,	✓ T. A. Moore,	✓ J. W. Gray,
✓ P. L. Wilson,	✓ C. Eversole,	✓ Augustus Webster,
✓ D. W. Bates,	✓ James Thompson,	✓ J. D. Kinzer,
✓ Thos. M. Wilson,	✓ D. Bowers,	✓ W. D. Litzinger,
✓ John Roberts,	✓ A. D. Dick,	✓ R. S. Rowe,
✓ R. S. Norris,	✓ W. G. Holmes,	✓ F. M. Hawkins,
✓ Wm. T. Dumm,	✓ C. H. Littleton,	✓ S. T. Graham,
✓ John Morgan,	✓ J. T. Ward,	✓ S. T. Furguson,
✓ D. A. Shermer,	✓ B. F. Benson,	✓ G. D. Edmonston,
✓ David Wilson,	✓ W. M. Strayer,	
✓ T. D. Valiant,	✓ Wm. W. Reese,	

Dr. Ewell

G. Cox

J. J. Ewell

PROBATIONERS.

T. C. Downes,
Augustus W. Mather,

Henry E. Meskimon,
J. E. Read,
A. T. Melvin.

J. M. Holmes,
John Darby,

LAY DELEGATES.

Walter K. White,
John Divers,
Henry Becker,
Lemuel D. Wilson,
P. E. Kent,
Wiley Hunt,
James Tubbs,
Leonard Mills,
A. J. Fairbank,
J. O. Weaning,
John W. Baker,
Dr. Wm. J. Sudler,
Dr. Walter Melvin,
John A. J. Dixon,
Wm. H. Ross,
Elias T. Booth,
Wm. Dulaney,
Nathaniel P. Leonard,
John Coulburn,
Gabriel Moore,
E. C. Thomas,
A. D. Forman,
A. R. Austin,
J. W. Harden,
Robert Williams,

Lewis A. J. Lamott,
Thos. J. Wolford,
W. C. Cunningham,
W. S. Wedge,
Geo. W. Kenley,
John J. Smouse,
Peter Deremer,
Manassah C. Creager,
Hamilton B. Truitt,
Edward Ball,
Joseph Burnett,
T. J. Reisler,
W. W. Tucker,
James Bond, Jr.
Nicholas A. McComas,
Wm. Pulley,
John B. Nichols,
Wm. D. Massey,
Thos. Fegan,
W. W. Walker,
John W. Fennemore,
James B. Mathews,
Michael Baughman,
T. A. Newman,
E. L. Williams,

Joseph Graham,
Jacob Martin,
Wm. B. Usilton,
Howard Meeks,
Robert Nicholson,
Seth. M. Whaley,
Thos. B. Taylor,
P. M. Pearson,
Geo. K. Ridgely,
Chas. S. Simmons,
Wm. Lare,
Wm. J. Harris,
James Stanbrough,
Wm. H. Brewington,
Derrett Coats,
J. H. C. Davis,
R. S. Griffith,
Jacob Walker,
L. C. Mullinix,
Geo. J. Meekins,
Edward Ball,
Joseph Barnett,
George J. Meekins, *

On motion by Rev. S. B. Southerland, the Conference resolved to hold one session per day, beginning at 8½ o'clock and closing at 1, except on the first and second days, when an afternoon session will be held, opening at 2½ o'clock. The first hour of each morning session to be spent in devotional exercises.

On motion of Dr. A. S. Eversole, the Rules were suspended, and the Conference went into the examination of Official Character. The President called Rev. J. W. Everest to the Chair, and read his annual report.

The Case of Wm. H. Hopkins was referred to the following Committee, D. W. Bates, J. T. Ward and D. Bowers.

On motion, Conference adjourned to hear the Annual Sermon by Rev. J. M. Elderdice.

* The names of some Alternates appear on the list of Delegates this year. The latter leaving before the close of Conference, the names of the former were inserted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened with singing and prayer by H. C. Cushing.

The examination of Official Character was resumed.

The order of the day was taken up, and Rev. J. J. Murray was re-elected President of the Conference. The following Committees and Officers of the Conference were then chosen :

STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE—D. E. Reese, Dr. F. Waters, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, J. W. Richardson, J. B. Mathews, Geo. Vickers.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS—J. R. Nichols, A. S. Eversole, John Elderdice, P. E. Kent and J. B. Mathews.

CONFERENCE STEWARD—S. A. Hoblitzell.

MISSIONARY FUND STEWARD—C. H. Littleton.

SUPERANUATED FUND STEWARD—J. Earle Maloy.

SECRETARY—H. C. Cushing.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES—W. W. Reese and William McK. Poisal.

A letter from Selby and Dulany, Stationers, was read, proffering to furnish gratuitously, the stationery needed by the Conference during the Session. On motion of S. B. Southerland, this kind offer was thankfully accepted. Examination of official character was then resumed. Pending the Examination of Rev. D. A. Shermer, certain papers were presented to the Conference by the President, and referred to a special Committee of three, viz : D. E. Reese, John Roberts and P. L. Wilson, and the case was laid over. On motion the Rules were suspended, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., is hereby cordially invited to resume his former relations with this body.

(Signed,)

J. W. EVERIST,
J. K. NICHOLS.

On motion of J. T. Murray, Rev. Augustus Webster was received into the Itinerancy.

Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Religious services conducted by Dr. A. S. Eversole. After calling the roll, the list of Circuits and Stations was

read by the Secretary, and several items of business were presented which were subsequently referred to appropriate Committees. Conference then proceeded with the examination of official character.

The letter of George Stevenson was referred to the following Special Committee: S. B. Southerland, J. T. Murray, Webster M. Strayer.

On motion, the Bill against Starr Church was referred to the following Special Committee, W. D. Massey, Jas. B. Mathews, Thomas A. Newman.

The following resolution offered by R. S. Norris, was adopted:

Whereas, there exists a difference of opinion as to the meaning of the term "Volumes in Library." It is hereby *Resolved*, that the Superintendents be requested hereafter to report the number of books in the school, and not simply those embraced in the circulating library.

On motion of D. Bowers, it was resolved to hold the Missionary Meeting in Green Street Church, on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Rev. S. B. Southerland presented the following paper which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, In the agitations and excitement through which the nation has recently passed, some of the churches have been either rent in pieces, or else shaken to the centre, and all of them subjected to sore trial; and whereas, a time of rest having now come which affords all the ecclesiastical organizations of the land a favorable opportunity of calmly surveying their past career, both before and during the civil strife, and in the light of that retrospect to intelligently indicate future action; and whereas, there having been within our pale occasional utterances suggesting, in certain contingencies, the expediency of merging the Methodist Protestant Church in some other ecclesiastical body; and whereas, originating with these suggestions, there are conjectures and rumors afloat which are calculated to render our position and purposes doubtful or ambiguous with the community, and thereby to hinder our progress, therefore, be it *resolved*, by the Maryland Annual Conference of Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Methodist Protestant Church, in Conference assembled,

1. That we hereby sincerely express our profound gratitude to God that throughout the past, notwithstanding the pressure upon us, in common with that upon other churches, our ministry have been enabled to keep on their way in their devotedness to the one great and exclusive work which the Lord Jesus Christ has committed to His ambassadors—that of reconciling men to God.

2. That we hereby also render tribute of unfeigned thanksgiving for the manifest tokens of His approbation upon the line of duty which we have thus conscientiously and undeviatingly pursued; and that, in humble dependence upon His continued support, it is our purpose whatever may come, to go forward in the same path, and to abide by the same calling.

3. That our past experience fully establishes in our minds both the piety and the wisdom of our fathers, in laying down the broad distinctive principles of our Constitution and Discipline, as based upon Revelation and human rights, and as eminently adapted to promote the happiness and usefulness of all Christian people.

4. That, with these convictions deep in our hearts, we can, in candor, avow as our purpose, nothing short of continuing to hold fast and maintain intact the *Doctrines*, the *Government*, and the *Name* of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference then adjourned with Doxology and Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'clock.

Conference opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, by A. D. Dick. The examination of official character was resumed.

The President then announced the following Standing Committees :

1. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Robert Whinna, Robert Williams, James Tubbs.

2. ON FINANCE—Andrew J. Fairbanks, Nathaniel P. Leonard.

3. ITINERANCY AND ORDERS—J. W. Everist, D. W. Bates, W. S. Hammond, Peter M. Pearson, Jas. Bond, Jr.

4. ON NECESSITIES AND REQUESTS OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS—Jas. B. Mathews, Howard Meeks, Geo. J. Meekins, Nicholas A. McComas, John J. Smouse, Michael Baughman, Lemuel D. Wilson.

5. ON MISSIONS—L. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, A. D. Dick, E. C. Thomas, T. A. Newman, Robert Nicholson.

6. ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—H. C. Cushing.

7. ON PULPIT SERVICES—John R. Nichols, W. M. Strayer, P. L. Wilson.

8. ON LITERATURE—J. T. Ward, T. D. Valiant, J. Clay, Dr. Wm. J. Sudler, W. D. Massey, W. B. Usilton.

9. ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS—J. Elderdice, A. S. Eversole, D. A. Shermer, John Coulburn, Leonard Mills, A. D. Forman.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—James K. Nichols, S. B. Southerland, John Roberts, Joseph Graham, Wm. Dulaney, P. E. Kent.

11. ON OBITUARIES—David Wilson, Dr. J. H. Owings,

Jesse Shreeve, Jas. B. Mathews, W. C. Cunningham, J. K. Ridgely.

12. ON STATISTICS—James Elderdice.

13. ON COLLECTION FOR MINUTES—J. W. Charlton, Wm. Pulley.

14. ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—R. S. Norris, B. F. Benson, G. W. Burns, W. W. Tucker, H. Becker, A. R. Austin.

15. ON TEMPERANCE—Hanson P. Jordan, Thomas Lee, Dr. J. E. T. Ewell, J. O. Weaning, Manassah Creager, Walter K. White.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION—D. E. Reese, President.

16. ON ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATION—Dr. Francis Waters, Dr. Daniel F. Ewell, Daniel Bowers, Geo. W. Kenly, Charles S. Simmons.

The following Special Committee on the Annual Communication of the President was announced: Hanson P. Jordan, Daniel Bowers, and John B. Nichols.

The Rev. T. B. Balch, D. D., was introduced to the Conference, and received the congratulations of his old friends.

On motion of Rev. D. E. Reese, a request presented by the Students of the Maryland Annual Conference College, that Rev. Dr. Francis Waters should at some time during the Session of Conference, deliver a Lecture on Elocution, and that Rev. T. B. Balch be also requested to deliver a Lecture on clerical manners and habits, the President to fix the hour, was unanimously adopted by the Conference.

The report of the Book Directory was read by T. D. Valiant, and on motion, was referred to the Committee on Literature.

The examination of official character was then resumed.

The following report of a special Committee was adopted as follows:

The Committee appointed in the case of certain papers from Dr. Thomas Sim, of Liberty Circuit, beg leave to report that upon a careful examination of the papers they believe that the Conference have no jurisdiction over the matter, and that the course of Bro. Shermer, as Superintendent of Liberty Circuit, has been regular and legal, and they recommend that his character pass.

Communications were received and read to the Conference, from Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, John Morgan; also a let-

ter from Rev. George Nestor, which was read and referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations; also one from the President of the Virginia Conference, which was referred to the same Committee. Said letter contained a request for an appropriation to Hampton Mission, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Conference granted the special Committee in case of Rev. W. H. Hopkins, leave to report, which was adopted as follows :

Whereas, The silence of the Conference in cases where ministerial members have severed their connection therewith in an abrupt and irregular manner, has a tendency to give license to treat obligations to this Conference and the Methodist Protestant Church with indifference,

Therefore *Resolved* 1. That while we believe it to be the right of any member of this Body, to leave it for another better suited to his views and feelings; and while we would greatly prefer that he should leave, than that he should remain with a dissatisfied mind, yet we hold that it is incumbent upon such to sever their connection in a regular disciplinary and dignified manner.

Resolved 2. That in all cases where a minister meets his obligations to the Conference and Church, he is clearly entitled to the papers guaranteed to him by the Discipline. But when members of this Body summarily resign their charges and ecclesiastical connection in the midst of the year, and without proper notice to the President, to enable him to supply the vacancy, and subsequently call for their papers, we hereby advise that the papers be withheld.

Resolved 3. That notwithstanding the reasons which the Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins assigns in his letter to the President of the Conference, viz: That he was not aware at the time he left his charge that the Discipline required him to remain until released by the President, nevertheless the Committee are decidedly of the opinion that the Rev. W. H. Hopkins is altogether inexcusable, inasmuch as it was his duty to acquaint himself with his obligations as presented by the Discipline and the Conference.

Resolved 4. That the conduct of Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins, in view of the kindness shown him while among us, and in view of his leaving his charge contrary to our book of Discipline, and also in view of the embarrassment to which he subjected his congregation to which he had been appointed, meets the unqualified disapprobation of this Conference.

Resolved 5. That we hereby recommend that the President withhold from him a certificate of withdrawal, and that his name be erased from the Conference roll.

D. W. BATES,
J. T. WARD,
D. BOWERS.

Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by Rev. T. B. Balch.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 16.

Conference was opened with religious exercises by Rev. J. T. Ward.

On calling the list of business the resolutions on collections offered by J. K. Nichols and J. T. Murray, were retaken up and passed as follows :

Whereas, Article VII, Section III of the Constitution empowers the Annual Conferences "To make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the itinerant ministers, preachers and their families; and for *all other purposes* connected with the organization and continuance of said Conferences."

And Whereas, The authority of this Conference to order collections has been called in question, and Superintendents in derogation of the authority of the Annual Conference, and in accordance with their own views of expediency, have declined to take up all the collections ordered by the Conference, to the detriment of Conference interests, Therefore

Resolved, That any Superintendent refusing to take up the collections prescribed by Conference is guilty of contempt of this body, and subjects himself to its just censure.

Resolved, That the Stewards be instructed to comply strictly with the resolutions heretofore passed by this body, depriving ministers who fail to take up the prescribed collections, of all claim upon the funds of the Conference.

Resolved, That when a Missionary fails to comply with the requirements of Conference in regard to collections, the sum assessed his Mission, shall be deducted from his claim upon the Missionary fund of the Conference, and appropriated according to the direction of Conference.

Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., being present, the President announced to him the action of the Conference, inviting him to resume his former relations with the body, and bade him welcome to a seat among us. The following visiting brethren were also introduced and invited to seats within the bar, viz: Rev. Alexander Clark, of Cincinnati, and President Mahan, of Adrian College, Michigan. Rev. Eli Henkle, the oldest member in the Conference, was greeted by his brethren, and responded in a few and appropriate words.

On motion of S. B. Southerland, the following Committee was appointed to wait on Bro. Wesley Starr, and assure him of the sympathy of this body in his afflictions :

Eli Henkle, Dr. F. Waters, J. K. Nichols, S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, J. B. Mathews, Joseph Graham, Wm. D. Massey, John Coulbourn, Charles Simmons.

The Committee on the President's Parsonage reported

through their Chairman J. T. Murray, and said report was referred to a special Committee.

On motion of J. T. Murray, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in those charges where no collection has been made to pay the assessment made by Conference for furnishing the President's Parsonage, and in those where there is a balance due of said assessment, Superintendents be *required* to take up a collection at each of their appointments to meet said obligation some time during the first three months of this Conference year.

Rev. R. S. Norris was excused from serving as Chairman of the Committee, on the proposition by Bro. Buell to establish a College in Westminster, and David Wilson was appointed Chairman of said Committee, and Bro. Norris was continued on the Committee. A letter was received from Rev. J. L. Mills, which was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants. The following brethren were also on motion, referred to the same Committee: H. P. Jordan, T. M. Wilson, T. L. McLean, Joseph A. McFadden, G. W. Simpson.

A Communication from Rev. Geo. Brown, D. D., was received and referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitation. On motion, Conference adjourned, to allow the Missionary Society to hold its Annual Meeting.

Conference resumed its session and the Committee on "The Annual Communication of the President" reported, and the following items acted upon :

1st. In reference to the late T. H. B. Austin, referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

2d. Trough Creek Circuit, on motion was stricken from the List of Circuits and Stations.

3d. Reception, Ordination and Qualifications of Ministers on motion was referred to the Faculty and Instruction, and the Committee on Itinerancy respectively.

4th. On Ministerial Support the following Resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That each Circuit and Station in applying for and receiving ministerial supply from this Conference, obliges itself to comply with the resolutions of this Conference on the subject of ministerial support.

Resolved, That the Circuits and Stations are hereby required to pay particular attention to the allowance which may be made to their mar-

ried minister, that a sufficient sum, *in addition to the regular salary*, be allowed for house rent, horse food, fuel, table supplies, and incidental expenses.

5th. Church Registers. Pending the consideration of this question, Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. Alexander Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 17.

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. Augustus Webster.

The President appointed the following Committee on Papers presented by J. T. Murray, respecting the furnishing of the President's Parsonage: A. D. Dick, P. E. Kent, W. Dulany.

Conference then resumed the consideration of the 5th Item in the report of the Committee on the President's Communication, and on motion of J. T. Murray, the following was adopted as a substitute.

FORM OF CHURCH REGISTER.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	WHEN RECEIVED.	HOW RECEIVED.	HOW AND WHEN DISMISSED.	DECEASED.
		By Certificate Election of Class; or otherwise as the case may be.	By Certificate Expulsion or otherwise, as the case may be.	.

The probationers shall be recorded separately, either in another part of the Register proper, or in another book kept for the purpose.

The form for recording marriages and baptisms shall be that contained in the Discipline.

Items 6 and 7 of Report on President's Annual Communication were adopted as follows :

MILITARY SERVICE.

The Committee recommend that this Conference instruct its representatives to our next General Conference, to sit in Georgetown, D. C., to have a Disciplinary Law enacted upon the subject, declaring, that the bearing of arms in Military Service, by ministers of the Gospel in the Methodist Protestant Church, is inconsistent with their mission of peace and in violation of their Ordination vows.

HYMN BOOKS AND DISCIPLINE.

Resolved, That we as ministers and laymen will use renewed efforts, to have our Churches, and the families who attend upon our ministry, supplied with our Hymn Books and Discipline.

The remaining Items of the report were adopted and referred to appropriate Committees.

The Conference took up the report of the Committee on the letter of Rev. George Stevenson, which elicited considerable debate. Dr. J. J. Murray offered a substitute for the report and after some discussion, on motion, the whole subject was laid on the table. Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Benediction by Dr. F. Waters.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 17.

Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. C. T. Cochel.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was taken up and adopted as follows:

FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.—F. M. Hawkins, S. T. Ferguson, S. T. Graham, G. D. Edmonston and Luke Morris.

FOR THE ITINERANCY.—J. C. Stewart, A. W. Mather, John E. Darby, James T. Lassell, and H. C. Miskimon.

The Item respecting Bro. Edmund White, was on motion, laid on the Table.

Rev. Dr. A. Webster then addressed the Conference in response to an invitation from the body, to resume his former relations among us. In a few brief words he "cordially accepted the invitation." Rev. Eli Henkle, Chairman of the Committee appointed to visit Bro. Wesley Starr, made a verbal report to the Conference, stating the physical and spiritual condition of Bro. Starr, and expressing his thanks to the Conference for their interest and sympathy in his behalf.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitation, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications respectfully advise, that in answer to the Letter of Rev. Geo. Nestor, the Conference appoint two Messengers to attend the Session of the Western Virginia Annual Conference, to commence on the first Tuesday in September next, and likewise two Messengers to attend the Session of the Virginia Annual Conference agreeably to invitation to that effect, from the President thereof.

The Letter from Rev. George Brown, they recommend

to be read to the Conference, and to be considered and answered by the Conference in the same spirit that pervades this truly benevolent and Christian communication.

F. WATERS, *Chairman*.

The Letter from Rev. Geo. Brown, D. D., was then read by the Secretary, and Dr. F. Waters was appointed a Committee to respond in behalf of the Conference.

The Committee on Literature made a report which was received, and the Item in reference to Adrian College, Michigan, was adopted, and Rev. Dr. Mahan, President of said College, proceeded to address the Conference.

On motion of P. L. Wilson and D. E. Reese, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to meet with the committee appointed by the Missionary Secretary on the paper of Dr. F. Waters, referring to the Centenary year.

The following were appointed: David Wilson, J. T. Ward, D. A. Shermer, P. E. Kent, John Roberts, W. D. Massey and John J. Smouse.

Adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by Dr. J. J. Murray.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 19.

Conference was opened with religious services by Bro. S. B. Southerland.

After the reading and adoption of the Minutes, the President announced the following fraternal messengers :

To the VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Lawrence W. Bates, Theodore D. Yaliant and Webster M. Strayer.

To the WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE—J. Thos. Ward, Daniel Bowers and J. Thomas Murray. Rev. M. J. Langhorne, of the Virginia Annual Conference was introduced, and invited to a seat within the bar.

The reports of committees then being in order, R. Whinna, of the committee on unfinished business, reported a resolution from last year's Minutes which was adopted, appointing a committee to confer with the Jefferson Benevolent Society, in regard to a transfer of the funds of said Society to the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference. D. A. Shermer, from the committee referred to in the resolution, made a verbal statement to the effect that the proper time for a transfer had not come, and on motion, the same committee was continued.

The President announced a communication from Rev. J. B. Cross on Temperance, which was read by the Secretary.

The committee on Statistics made a report, which was received.

The list of business was then called, and the report of Committee on Temperance was taken up, and on motion of J. T. Murray, was laid on the table.

The report of Committee on Literature was then taken up, and the 1st Item was adopted. The 2d Item returning the thanks of the Conference to Rev. J. T. Murray for the manner in which he had conducted the Paper was adopted, but the second point in this Item requesting that Bro. Murray be left without an appointment, (provided it meets with his approval,) elicited some debate; pending which, Conference adjourned, for the purpose of organizing the Electoral College.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20.

Conference opened with religious services by Bro. John Elderdice.

The request of Anne Arundel Circuit to set off a new Circuit was adopted, and after some deliberation it was decided to call the new charge Severn Circuit. The request of Kent to set off a new Circuit, composed of Wesley and Kesley Chapels in Broad Neck, to be called Chesapeake Circuit, was adopted. Conference then adjourned to allow the Superannuated Fund Society to hold its Annual Meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 20.

Conference assembled and was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Oliver Cox.

The Item in the report of the Committee on Literature, in reference to the request of the Book Directory, that Rev. J. T. Murray be left without an appointment, for the purpose of taking charge of the "*Methodist Protestant*," was adopted, and on motion the report of said committee, as a whole, was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Literature report, that they have examined the Report of the Book Directory, and are gratified to learn of the increased income of the Concern, and believe that by continued exertion, and the employment of such means as are hereinafter recommended, the Church periodical will soon become self-sustaining, and that a professional editor may be employed at a remunerating salary. The Committee therefore recommend:

1. That the Conference tender their thanks to the Directory for their faithful attention to the interests of the Book Concern and METHODIST PROTESTANT.

2. That we also express our gratification, at the able manner in which the Church paper has been edited by Bro. J. T. MURRAY, and that the Conference tender their thanks to him for the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his position; and that the request of the Directory, to leave Bro. J. T. MURRAY without an appointment, in view of his being continued as editor, until another shall be appointed by the proper authorities, provided it meet with his approval, be granted.

3. The Committee also recommend, that the Directory issue a circular for general distribution, at an early day, setting forth the character and importance of our Church periodical, and appealing to its friends for an increase of patronage; and that the members of the Conference be requested to use those circulars, and employ their influence to increase the circulation of the METHODIST PROTESTANT.

J. T. WARD,
J. CLAY,
T. D. VALIANT,
W. D. MASSEY,
WM. B. USILTON,
W. J. SUDLER.

The President laid before the Conference a Communication from Rev. T. B. Balch, expressive of his pleasure in being able to assemble with us, on this occasion, and bidding the Conference God speed in its work and labor of love. In response to this the following resolution offered by D. Bowers was passed:

Resolved, That the visit of the Rev. T. B. Balch, S. T. D. has been highly gratifying to this Conference, and we hereby reciprocate the truly Christian and fraternal sentiments expressed in his communication to this body.

The report of the Centenary Committee was then taken up and adopted, item by item. After which it was adopted, as a whole, and ordered to be printed in the *Methodist Protestant*. It reads as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the paper of the Rev. Dr. F. Waters, relating to the *Centenary of American Methodism*, having carefully considered the subject, would respectfully report as follows:

1. That, inasmuch as the *Methodist Protestant Church* is a part of the great *Methodist family*, which dates its commencement in America in the year 1766, it is deemed highly proper that said Church should, in common with all other branches of Methodism, suitably commemorate that important event by the observance of this Centenary. Your Committee have been pleased to learn that in several of the Annual Conferences of the M. P. Church, steps have already been taken to this end; and we earnestly recommend that the *Maryland Annual Conference* set apart the months of *September* and *October*, 1866, as the portion of the year during which the origin of Methodism in America, shall be celebrated by appropriate services in all the Churches of the Circuits, Stations, and Missions of the Maryland District.

2. We recommend that, in connection with this celebration, the sum of *at least Thirty Thousand Dollars* be raised for the following named purposes:

(1.) To pay off 75 per cent. of the present indebtedness of the *Mission Churches* of this Conference District, so far as that indebtedness was created by the erection of Church edifices, exclusive of ground rents or the purchase of ground.

(2.) To add five thousand dollars to the funds of the *Superannuated Fund Society* or investment.

(3.) To constitute a fund with the residue of the money that may be raised by this effort, to be permanently invested, that the interest therefrom may be used for the benefit of the *Book Concern* of the M. P. Church, located in the city of Baltimore.

3. Your Committee would recommend that for carrying out of the details of the plan for the aforesaid celebration, and for the raising of the aforesaid sum of money, as well as for the appropriation of it to the purposes above named, the following brethren be constituted a BOARD OF DIRECTORS, to be known as "*The Central Centenary Board*," namely: Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, Rev. T. D. Valiant, Rev. P. L. Wilson, Rev. J. T. Murray, John Coates, Esq., Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, John Clark, Esq., of Aisquith St. Station, E. C. Thomas, Esq., and James Bond, Esq.

We would further recommend that all persons, for whom the sum of fifty dollars or more shall be contributed, by themselves or others, be entitled to be registered as *Honorary Members* of said Board.

4. As it is the opinion of your Committee that the celebration contemplated, may, and will be of so interesting a character, that those participating will desire to preserve some suitable token in remembrance of it, we would further recommend that the Central Centenary Board cause to be elegantly engraved a CERTIFICATE, with the names of the President and Secretary of said Board, in connection with a *photographic groupe* of the Ministers of the present session of the Maryland Annual Conference, a copy of which shall be given to each person who may contribute five dollars or more to the Centenary Fund; and also cause to be prepared *medals* with the likeness of Rev. John Wesley, one of which shall be given to every child contributing one dollar or more. The expenses of said certificate, group, and medals, together with any other necessary expenses, to be paid out of the Fund.

5. Your Committee recommend finally, that each minister and preacher connected with the Conference, correspond with the Central Centenary Board in relation to the arrangements for the celebration, in the Churches under charge said minister or preacher.

Devoutly praying that the Great Head of the Church Universal, may crown with His blessing the proposed effort, (if the Conference see fit to enter upon it,) your Committee beg leave to hand over the whole matter to the Conference, with the expression of the entire willingness of each member of the Committee, individually, to do his part toward the accomplishment of the important object proposed in this report.

DAVID WILSON, *Chairman*.
P. L. WILSON,
D. A. SHERMER,
J. T. WARD,
PHILIP E. KENT.

The report of Committee on Statistics was on motion adopted, as a whole.

On motion the Credentials of Revs. Oliver Cox, D. E. Reese and Wm. W. Reese, was restored to them by order of the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was then taken up and on motion, the first Item was so amended, as to place Rev. J. L. Mills on the list of Superannuated Ministers. The second Item in reference to Rev. T. L. McLean was after some discussion, laid on the Table. Conference then adjourned and the Superannuated Fund Society resumed its session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 21.

Conference was opened with religious services by Bro. J. B. Jones.

The report of the Committee on Starr Church was taken up and adopted as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred certain claims against Starr Church, respectfully report that Wm. F. Pentz, entered into legal obligations with Bro. Wesley Starr, to have the house known as "Starr Church," substantially closed in and roofed, and the basement neatly completed and furnished, and that the claims now presented are for material and work done by and under the authority of Wm. F. Pentz, and that he alone is legally responsible for said Claims. It appears that the ministers of the Maryland Annual Conference, at its Session of 1864, pledged themselves to do what they could to raise about \$2000.00. The Committee is not informed how much of this sum has been collected and paid in, but presume that the pledge has been redeemed, by doing all they could under the circumstances. Independent of the Claims of \$4816.84, presented by Wm. Pentz, there are Claims amounting to \$555.81 authorized by Wm. Pentz, but which he now repudiates. The Committee prefer leaving it to the wisdom of the Conference to devise the ways and means of meeting these Claims, should it be thought just or expedient to do so.

W. D. MASSEY,
J. B. MATHEWS.

Resolved, That the Ministers of this Conference, be and they are hereby requested to use their influence, to collect such amounts in their respective fields of labor during the present Conference year, for the purpose of paying as far as practicable the amounts to which reference is made in this report, referred to by the Committee the \$551.81, to be paid first out of the sums collected.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was then taken up, and the following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that when a minister engages in temporal business, yielding a support, he should not be continued on the Superannuated list.

On motion, Rev. T. L. McLean was assigned as Supernumerary Assistant to Frederick Mission. On motion, Rev. H. P. Jordan was assigned a Supernumerary relation to Anne Arundel Circuit. Bro. G. W. Simpson was left without an appointment at his own request, for one year.

Bro. J. A. McFaden was placed by vote of Conference, on the Superannuated list.

The Conference was then adjourned, to allow the Superannuated Fund Society to resume its session. The session was again resumed. The time for holding the next session of our Annual was, on motion, made the second Wednesday in March, 1867.

The Conference then proceeded to select the place, which resulted in the choice of West Baltimore Station. Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by Dr. F. Waters.

MINUTES OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY, HELD IN STARR CHURCH, MARCH 20, 1866.

Conference resolved itself into the Superannuated Fund Society, Rev. D. W. Bates in the chair, Rev. W. M. Poisal, secretary.

On motion, the roll was called, when the sum of \$47.95 was received; for distribution, \$20.81.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

1st Vice-President—D. W. Bates.

2d Vice-President—H. C. Cushing.

Secretary—Henry Nice.

Corresponding Secretary—C. T. Cochel.

Board of Managers—J. T. Murray, H. F. Zollickoffer, E. J. Drinkhouse, D. F. Ewell, Philip E. Kent, T. W. Ewing, John G. Clark, William Dulany.

On motion of Rev. L. W. Bates,

Resolved, That Article V. of the constitution be so changed as to read as follows: The Society, at each of its annual meetings, shall elect eight Managers, four of whom shall be ministers and four laymen. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Nichols,

Resolved, That the second resolution, which reads: "Resolved, 2d, That the IV. article of the constitution be so amended as to require but \$10.00, instead of \$15.00, to constitute a life membership of the Society." Adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Nichols,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be instructed to look after the interests of the Society in Concord, in the will of Bro. Witney. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. Roberts,

Resolved, That \$250.00, more or less, be expended for a plate of certificate of life membership of this Society. Adopted.

The roll being called, \$48.00 was received. Paid to the Steward of the Superannuated Fund, for investment, \$335.00; for distribution, \$59.50.

H. NICE, *Secretary*.

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

STATIONS.			Salisbury.....	6 40
Alexandria.....	\$10 90		Talbot.....	50 56
West Baltimore.....	30 00		Union, Md.....	6 10
East Baltimore	18 81		Union, Pa.....	1 50
S. Baltimore.....	6 67		Warwick.....	15 78
Washington St. Balt.....	10 00		Worcester.....	13 25
Starr Church, Balt, no rep't.				
Georgetown, D. C.....	52 71		MISSIONS.	
9th St. Washington.....	5 00		Broadway, Balt.....	9 00
Salem, Pa.....	10 00		Buckeystown, no report.	
			Cumberland.....	2 35
CIRCUITS.			Choptank, no report.	
Anne Arundel.....	5 00		Delaware, " "	
Belair.....	55 51		E. Washington.....	4 12
Balt. Ct. and Towsontown			Lexington and Frederick,	
Mission.....	5 00		no report.	
W. Baltimore.....	8 32		Kent Island.....	6 10
Bedford.....	2 00		Montgomery, no report.	
Caroline.....	5 10		Millsborough, " "	
Cecil.....	8 25		Newark, N. J.....	9 73
Cambridge, no report.			Potomac, no report.	
Carlisle.....	5 85		Tiaskin, " "	
Concord.....	3 17		Williamsport and Berkeley,	
Dorchester.....	12 20		no report.	
Frederick.....	14 12		W. Washington, no report.	
Harmony.....	5 00		Cash from a Friend.....	1 50
Howard.....	18 75		" " The Phebian So-	
Jefferson and Frederick			ciety.....	74 00
Mission.....	10 36		" " Secretary of Fund	59 50
Kent, for Investment.....	150 00			
Liberty.....	11 91			\$707.43
Newtown.....	24 00			
New Market.....	10 03		In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer	
Pipe Creek.....	43 42		for distribution.....	2558 60
Prince William, no report.			Interest from E. Baltimore	
Queen Anne.....	41 87		Station.....	76 80
Snow Hill.....	2 59			
Sussex.....	1 00			
Susquehanna.....	10 00		Total.....	\$3342.83

CIRCUITS.	
Anne Arundel.....	5 00
Belair.....	55 51
Balt. Ct. and Towsontown	
Mission.....	5 00
W. Baltimore.....	8 32
Bedford.....	2 00
Caroline.....	5 10
Cecil.....	8 25
Cambridge, no report.	
Carlisle.....	5 85
Concord.....	3 17
Dorchester.....	12 20
Frederick.....	14 12
Harmony.....	5 00
Howard.....	18 75
Jefferson and Frederick	
Mission.....	10 36
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New Market.....	10 03
Pipe Creek.....	43 42
Prince William, no report.	
Queen Anne.....	41 87
Snow Hill.....	2 59
Sussex.....	1 00
Susquehanna.....	10 00

	Collection Claim.	Collection Dist'd.	Investm't Claim.	Investm't Dist'd.	Total Amount.
Eli Henkle.....	\$300 00	\$55 13	\$460 00	\$232 23	\$287 36
Mrs. R. T. Boyd.....	200 00	36 75	325 00	164 08	200 83
T. M. Wilson.....	350 00	64 31	530 00	267 57	331 88
Mrs. G. D. Hamilton...	150 00	27 56	285 00	143 88	171 44
Thomas Lee.....	400 00	73 51	380 00	191 84	265 35
Mrs. Greenaway.....	350 00	64 31	540 00	272 62	336 93
“ Roby.....	250 00	45 94	465 00	234 75	280 69
“ Maddox.....	150 00	27 56	180 00	90 90	118 46
“ Webster.....	150 00	27 56	245 00	123 70	151 26
“ Reese.....	150 00	27 56	265 00	133 78	161 34
“ Collins.....	150 00	27 56	195 00	98 45	126 01
“ Scull.....	150 00	27 56	150 00	75 75	103 31
“ F. G. Wright.....	200 00	36 75	320 00	161 55	198 30
“ T. C. Ewell.....	300 00	55 13	230 00	116 11	171 24
“ M. Varden.....	150 00	27 56	90 00	45 45	73 01
“ Kesley.....	150 00	27 56	200 00	100 97	128 53
“ Rawleigh.....	150 00	27 56	200 00	100 97	128 53
“ S. R. Wright.	150 00	27 56	160 00	80 80	108 36
	3850 00	707 43	5220 00	2635 40	3342 83

The Collections divide.....18.37½ per cent.

Investment Interest “50.48½ “ “

Total per cent.....68.86.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants report as follows:

1. That Bro. E. Henkle be allowed.....\$400
2. That Sister Hamilton be allowed..... 200
3. That Sister Boyd be allowed..... 200
4. That Bro. T. M. Wilson be allowed..... 450
5. That Sister M. Reese be allowed..... 200
6. That Sister Varden be allowed..... 200
7. That Sister Kesley be allowed..... 200
8. That Sister Rawley be allowed..... 200
9. That Sister Collins be allowed..... 200
10. That Sister Maddux be allowed..... 200
11. That Sister Roby be allowed..... 300
12. That Sister Sarah J. Wright be allowed..... 200
13. That Sister F. G. Wright be allowed..... 250
14. That Sister Greenaway be allowed..... 400
15. That Sister T. C. Ewell be allowed..... 200
16. That Mrs. Webster be allowed..... 245

17. We recommend that Bro. J. A. McFaden be placed on the list with an allowance of \$650.

18. That Bro. Christian Eversole be placed on the list, with an allowance of \$650.

J. ELDERDICE, *Chairman,*
A. S. EVERSOLE,
JOHN COULBOURN.

STATISTICS.

STATIONS, CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Col'd Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	NAMES OF MINISTERS AND PREACHERS UNSTATIONED.
Alexandria Station.....	114	1	1	\$10,000	1	1	12	80	300	Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, L. J. Cox, Ministers. Thomas Richardson, H. T. Gernhardt, Preachers. J. C. Meredith, W. Johnson, Preachers.
West Baltimore ".....	213	.....	2	.....	1	1	15,000	.....	1	17	142	450
East ".....	218	30	.....	2	1	.....	12,000	.....	1	32	150	512
South ".....	106	106	2	1	1	9,800	1	29	125	450	Parker H. Sweet, Minister. U. Ward, W. C. Lipscomb, Oliver Cox, Ministers. Charles Hera, Preacher.
Wash'n St., Balto ".....	180	10	.....	.....	1	.....	9,000	.....	1	17	200	300
Georgetown ".....	216	24	1	.....	1	1	20,000	.....	1	34	267	650
9th St., Wash'n ".....	106	10	3	1	1	25,000	1	10	80	500	M. W. Conner, Minister. T. H. Robinson, J. Baughman, S. Foster, Preachers. Jacob Holmes, J. M. Henkle, Ministers.
Salem, Phila. ".....	95	21	.....	1	1	.....	3,000	.....	1	23	117	500
Anne Arundel Circuit.....	114	60	1	.....	5 1/2	.....	4,500	.....	3	15	120	500
Baltimore ".....	200	40	3	4 1/2	6,000	8	60	375	745	J. Growden, Minister. A. H. Greenfield, Minister; A. W. Mathews, H. Einskim, [Preachers.
West Baltimore ".....	236	9	2	.....	8	.....	5,000	.....	8	77	320	800
Bedford ".....	143	16	1	.....	3	1	3,000	.....	2	20	150	500
Belair ".....	259	66	1	2	6	1	7,000	6	54	270	1,013	R. H. Merikin, R. Chambers, J. M. Smith, Preachers; J. Burchinel, J. Irvin, Ministers. G. Moore, Minister; J. W. Price, Preacher.
Cambridge ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carlisle ".....	40	9	.....	.....	2	.....	2,300	.....	1	10	60	267
Caroline ".....	220	20	4	1	5	5,000	4	50	250	800	T. Burton, Minister. Jackson Day, C. Purdum, Preachers. E. S. Grant, Minister.
Cecil ".....	165	32	1	1	5	1	7,000	.....	5	40	220	600
Concord ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester ".....	200	13	1	5	1	8,500	4	20	200	300	Dr. J. H. Owings, S. M. Waters, H. Linthicum, T. McCormick, Ministers; R. Vansant, Preacher.
Frederick ".....	380	38	.....	2	6	.....	8,000	.....	7	50	325	600
Harmony ".....	165	10	1	.....	3	.....	2,000	.....	4	12	111	200
Howard ".....	225	40	3	1	7	1	9,000	7	W. W. Todd, Dr. Thomas Sim, Ministers.
Jefferson Ct. & Frederick Mission.	164	.....	.....	.....	4	1	7,000	.....	3	43	136	442
Kent Circuit.....	416	50	.....	.....	5	1	15,000	.....	5	60	500	1,800
Liberty ".....	267	109	2	4	1	10,000	2	5	50	175	900	W. Dale, J. W. Penuel, Min's.; H. McGrath, Preacher. Wm. A. Crouse, Preacher.
New Market Circuit.....	319	101	.....	.....	6	1	5,900	.....	7	80	550	1,200
Newtown ".....	430	117	2	1	8	1	11,000	.....	7	120	360	900
Pipe Creek ".....	295	53	1	4	1	12,000	4	61	362	1,150	
Queen Anne's ".....	207	17	.....	.....	4	1	9,750	.....	4	34	150	1,167

Salisbury	81	88	1	3	1	4,100	4	41	225	470	
Snow Hill	125	31	2	4		4,000	4	35	200	900	
Sussex											
Susquehannah	107			1	1	3,000		40	150	400	
Talbot	246	71		5	1	10,000	6	50	260	1,700	
Union, Md.	179	24	1	6		2,000	4	34	227	192	
Union, Pa.	60		2	1	1/2	400					
Warwick	81	27		4	1	7,500	3	33	141	700	
Worcester	191	9	1	6		6,000	5	35	317	665	
Broadway Mission	140	24	1	1		12,000	1	22	270	500	
Cumberland	53	2		1	1	5,000	1	23	107	560	
Newark, N. J.	123	70	1	1		20,000	1	40	182	449	
East Wash'n	48	30	1	1		6,000	1	19	90	450	
West						2,500	1	12	60	150	
Delaware	257			5		9,000	5	50	255	500	
Lexington St.	100	33	1	1		15,000	1	33	308	409	
Starr Church	97	10		1	1	20,000	1	25	225	400	
Kent Island	40			2		800	2		50	300	
Williamsport and Berkeley Mission	70	1	2	5		4,500	1	6	30	75	
Montgomery	10	3				700	3	24	145	170	
Potomac	25	60		1		900	1	15	65	450	
Choptank	50	3	1	1		3,100	1	6	30	100	
Buckeystown	25						1	8	50	125	
Millsborough	26						2	15	135	155	
Tiaskin	17	14									
Frederick Avenue	20	32					1	17	129	400	
Total	7,864	1533	34	23	153 1/2	\$378,250	4	156	1,613	9,446	27,766

C. W. Dennis, Preacher.
Dr. W. F. Farrow, Dr. John Pitts, Ministers.

Thomas H. Burgess, Preacher.
W. D. Hamilton, W. T. Ridel, Mins.; G. Fritz, Preacher.

R. H. Powel, Minister.
John Davis, Minister.

Luke Morris, Preacher.
T. G. Clayton, Minister.

mon Richards, Minister.

John Light, Daniel Collier, Ministers.

Wm. S. Corbin, Preacher.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. ELDERDICE, *Committee.*

AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 21.

Conference opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Luther J. Cox.

A partial report from the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, but was subsequently reconsidered and afterwards completed, and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants report as follows :

1st.	That Bro. E. Hinkle be allowed.....	\$460 00
2nd.	Sister Boyd.....	200 00
3rd.	T. M. Wilson.....	530 00
4th.	Mrs. M. Reese.....	265 00
5th.	Mrs. Varden.....	100 00
6th.	Mrs. Kesley.....	200 00
7th.	Mrs. Raleigh.....	200 00
8th.	Mrs. Collins.....	195 00
9th.	Mrs. Maddox.....	180 00
10th.	Mrs. Roby.....	465 00
11th.	Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	160 00
12th.	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	320 00
13th.	Mrs. Greenaway.....	540 00
14th.	Mrs. T. C. Ewell.....	230 00
15th.	Mrs. George D. Hamilton.....	200 00
16th.	Mrs. Webster.....	245 00
17th.	J. A. McFaden be placed on Sup. list claim.....	650 00
18th.	Christian Eversole.....	650 00
19th.	H. J. Day be placed on Superannuated list, with appropriation of.....	400 00

JOHN ELDERDICE,
D. A. SHERMER,
A. S. EVERSOLE.

On motion, the report on collections for the Minutes was adopted. Amount \$101.00. The report of the Committee on furnishing the President's Parsonage, was adopted, which was simply to examine the accounts of Rev. J. T. Murray, in reference to moneys expended for repairs and furniture, to pronounce them correct.

On motion of J. T. Murray, Bro. Philip E. Kent was appointed a Committee on President's Parsonage, with authority to receive all monies due for furnishing the same, and all accruing from rent of the property. He is also empowered to apply the money received to paying the bills upon the the Parsonage, furnishing it with such articles as it may need, and keeping the property in repair.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders brought in a third report, recommending Bro. John Davis for Deacons' Orders which was adopted ; and on motion, it was ordered

that he be ordained in one of the Churches of Baltimore sometime during the Conference year, at the convenience of the President.

On motion of Rev. D. W. Bates, and others, it was resolved to appoint three fraternal Messengers to visit the next session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the M. P. Church. The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to offer the following as their report.

It is the subject of profound gratitude to Almighty God, that our Sabbath schools have received, during the year, in a highly encouraging degree, the Divine sanction, in the hopeful conversion of many of our children. Notwithstanding this success, your committee are of opinion that several important improvements may be made in their organization and management.

It is the source of a very deep and sincere regret, that our Sabbath Schools, generally, are composed of little children, and youth, with a very small minority of the members of the churches in the capacity of officers and teachers ; while the adults who have been brought up in the Schools, and the older and more experienced members of the Church, together with the members of the Congregation, are almost entirely dissociated from them. Your committee would respectfully suggest, as a remedy of this evil, the importance of a re-organization of our Sabbath Schools, on a plan that will encourage the participation of the *entire Church and Congregation*, as far as practicable, in the labors and benefits of the Schools. This, it is believed, may be accomplished, in most cases by the joint endeavors of the Pastor and the Superintendent of the Sabbath Schools.

Your committee also think it is to be regretted that the action of our last annual session, looking to the publication of a Sunday School paper of our own Church, has as yet accomplished nothing, but we express the hope that the pressing necessity which exists for such a publication, will result ere long in entire success.

In furtherance of the interests committed to them, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved 1st. That an Executive Sabbath School Committee, of the Maryland District, be appointed by the President, consisting of five ministers, and four laymen, who shall have power to call a Sabbath School Convention, at such time and place, during the year, as they in their best judgment, may determine.

Resolved 2nd. That the ministerial members of this Conference, and one delegate from each Circuit, Station and Mission, shall be entitled, each, to a seat in said convention.

Resolved 3rd. That our delegates to the ensuing General Conference, be requested to call the attention of that body, to the importance of bringing the Sabbath Schools into an official and responsible relation to the Church.

With reference to the very important item referred from the President's report to us, your committee respectfully and earnestly recommend as follows :

1. That Superintendents of Circuits, Stations and Missions be kindly urged to organize into classes, according to Discipline, page 62, the children received into probationary membership by baptism.

2. That these classes be called together for chatechetical instruction, by their Pastor, or some one appointed by him not more than once a week, nor less than once a month.

In concluding our paper, your committee would take occasion to say, that in their opinion, additional legislation on this subject, by the General Conference, is necessary to give general satisfaction, and secure a uniform execution of this Disciplinary law.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. SCOTT NORRIS, *Chairman.*

The following Paper offered by Bro. J. Clay and others was received and on motion, was laid on the table for one year :

Resolved, That all applicants for the Itinerancy shall be required to serve in the employment of the President, during the period of two years, preceding their reception into Conference, provided also that their ordination shall not be hereby delayed when in the judgment of the Conference they are fully qualified.

The Committee on Missions offered a report, which was amended and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Broadway Appropriation.....	\$800 00
Lexington St. ".....	800 00
Kent Island " (If a married man).....	200 00
Newark ".....	200 00
Cumberland, no appropriation.	
Delaware, if two preachers.....	200 00
Towsontown united with Baltimore Circuit	
Frederick Mission.....	150 00
Buckeystown united to Jefferson Circuit.	
Potomac, provided a married man be sent.....	300 00
Choptank, if a married minister.....	300 00
Montgomery, no appropriation.	
Frederick Avenue.....	200 00
Millsborough recommended to Union Circuit.	
Tiaskin recommended to Salisbury Circuit.	
West Washington united to Potomac.	
Harper's Ferry united with Smithfield and Knoxville.....	150 00
East Washington.....	200 00
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	\$3400 00

Wilmington discontinued.

Williamsport and Berkeley, no appropriation.

L. W. BATES,
J. T. MURRAY,
A. D. DICK,
T. A. NEWMAN,
E. C. THOMAS.

During the consideration of the report on Missions, the name of Harper's Ferry was on motion, stricken from the lists of Circuits and Stations, and Harper's Ferry in connection with Smithfield and Knoxville, was constituted a Mission.

On motion, Prince William Circuit was commended to the fostering care of Potomac Mission.

The report on Missions was then adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Buell College, was amended by striking out, and then adopted, as follows:

The Committee to which the papers of Mr. F. R. Buell, Principal of "Westminster Academy" were referred, report:

That, at a meeting of the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church, held in the city of Westminster, in February last, and which was respectably attended, resolutions were unanimously passed endorsing said Institution, and recommending it to the favor of this Conference, and asking for its recognition by the Conference, offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved first, That we cordially commend Prof. Buell, as a gentleman well qualified for the position of an educator of youth, and respectfully recommend said Institution to the patronage of the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved secondly, That we have heard with pleasure of the intention of Bro. Buell, of erecting, during the present year, and on a commanding and highly eligible locality, near the city of Westminster, a spacious building, in prospect of converting the said Westminster Academy into a College of respectable grade. We hereby commend this matter to the favorable consideration of the Conference and the Church at large.

D. WILSON, *Ch'n*.

EVENING SESSION, MARCH 21.

Conference was opened with prayer by Rev. William Dale. The Minutes of the Conference were read and adopted. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund read his report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made an additional report, which was adopted:

Recommending, Rev. James Lassell, for Deacons' Orders to be ordained at the convenience of the President. R. Scott Norris offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Westminster appointment on Pipe Creek Circuit is in great need of services, additional to those of the Superintendent. Therefore

Resolved, That the President supply this need if he can, by the appointment of a Supernumerary assistant.

The following Paper on motion of J. W. Charlton, was adopted:

Whereas, The official character of each of our ministers and preachers is subject to examination in every Quarterly Conference during the year, according to "Discipline," page 47, section 1st and 2nd; and

Whereas, The "Discipline," page 43, section 2nd, and page 38, section 7th and 8th, defines the manner of procedure in the event of objections being made to the character of a minister or preacher; and

Whereas, The rules of the Maryland Annual Conference recognize the delegate as the authorized agent of a Circuit or Station, to represent the approval of their minister's character, or their objections, if there be any; therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, communications derogatory to a minister's character are *irregular* and can *not* be entertained, except when they come from the Quarterly Conference and through the delegate elect, provided that no ministerial or lay member of Conference be hereby prohibited from presenting objections.

The following resolution offered by D. Wilson, was adopted :

Whereas, a number of our brethren and sisters formerly in connexion with the first, and other Methodist Protestant Churches in Philadelphia, are now without Church connexions, and others who have entered into other ecclesiastical organizations, still retain a desire to be connected with the Church of their choice, therefore

Be it resolved, By the Maryland Annual Conference, that our brethren and sisters in the city of Philadelphia in the condition described above, are hereby affectionately invited to connect themselves with *Salem* Station, until some other arrangement can be made, more in accordance with their preferences and desires.

On motion, Bro. John Morgan was left without an appointment.

The Conference passed the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the families who have so kindly entertained the members of the body in this city during its session.

H. J. DAY,
C. T. COCHEL.

The following resolution from J. R. Nichols was passed :

Resolved, That in the reports of salary, in the future, the ministers be required to report the amount of a suitable rental of parsonages occupied by them, for which they pay no rent, added to the amount of salary apportioned by their several Quarterly Conferences.

J. R. NICHOLS.

On motion, the representation of the Maryland Annual Conference to the General Conference, to meet in Georgetown in May next, were clothed with conventional powers.

The following resolution on motion of D. Bowers, was passed :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Annual Conference elected to the General Conference, to sit in Georgetown, D. C., in May next, be, and they are hereby instructed to secure such a change in our Book of Discipline as that in Stations and Missions: "admittance to full membership shall be of a vote of the majority of the Quarterly Conference of the Station or Mission."

The Conference Stewards made the following report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

THE CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

	Conference Collections	Salary allowed.	Am't paid	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency,	Dividend.
West Baltimore Station.....	\$38 00	\$1500 00	\$1500 00	.....	.....	.....
East Baltimore ".....	12 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	.....	.....
South Baltimore ".....	8 89	800 00	800 00	\$60 00	.....	.....
Wash'n St. Balto. ".....	10 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
Starr Church ".....	22 67	466 62	466 62	for 7 months	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C. ".....	42 00	1425 00	1425 00	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria ".....	3 21	.....	717 00	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Phila. ".....	5 00	800 00	800 00	100 00	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ninth St. Wash'n ".....	5 00	950 00	950 00	.....	.....	.....
Anne Arundel Circuit.....	7 00	760 00	629 64	.....	\$130 36	36 27
Belair ".....	35 44	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....
Balto. Ct. & Townsontown Miss	.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
West Baltimore Circuit.....	5 08	710 00	470 43	.....	239 57	66 42
Bedford ".....	3 00	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Caroline ".....	5 25	800 00	288 31	45 00	466 69	129 58
Cecil ".....	7 00	700 00	565 00	.....	135 00	37 57
Cambridge ".....	.....	400 00	125 00	for part of year	.....	45 50
Carlisle ".....	3 04	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....
Concord ".....	3 23	425 00	275 00	.....	150 00	41 50
Dorchester ".....	5 00	600 00	725 00	.....	.....	.....
Frederick ".....	6 17	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Harmony ".....	4 00	400 00	325 00	20 00	55 00	15 30
Howard ".....	8 25	900 00	800 00	.....	100 00	27 83
Jefferson Ct. & Frederick Miss	4 52	900 00	825 00	.....	75 00	20 87
Kent Circuit.....	20 00	a support	1000 00	.....	.....	.....
Liberty ".....	.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Newtown ".....	18 11	842 00	842 00	.....	.....	.....
New Market Circuit.....	9 06	740 00	740 00	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek ".....	25 06	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....
Prince William ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queen Anne ".....	16 16	1050 00	1050 00	.....	.....	.....
Snow Hill ".....	2 50	503 00	428 00	.....	75 00	20 87
Sussex [for ½ yr.] ".....	1 00	500 00	180 00	10 00	35 00	9 74
Susquehannah ".....	5 00	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	.....
Salisbury ".....	6 49	600 00	525 00	75 00	.....	.....
Talbot ".....	34 84	1100 00	1100 00	.....	.....	.....
Union, Md. ".....	8 31	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Union, Pa. ".....	1 50	450 00	227 00	15 00	208 00	57 89
Warwick ".....	9 37	880 00	Satisfied	.....	.....	.....
Worcester ".....	7 71	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Broadway, Baltimore Mission.	12 00	1000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckeystown ".....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland ".....	1 40	550 00	550 00	.....	.....	.....
Choptank ".....	1 30	500 00	320 00	20 00	.....	.....
Delaware ".....	.....	650 00	650 00	.....	.....	.....
East Washington ".....	5 00	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Lex. St. & Frederick Av ".....	6 00	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....
Kent Island ".....	5 00	.....	450 00	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery ".....	.....	100 00	250 00	100 00	.....	.....
Millsborough ".....	.....	.....	84 00	.....	.....	.....
Newark, N. J. ".....	8 50	1000 00	1000 00	.....	.....	.....
Potomac ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tiaskin ".....	.....	.....	117 50	.....	.....	.....
West Washington ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsport & Berkeley	3 45	314 71	314 71	100 00	.....	.....
District, makes no claim	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 15	.....
A Friend	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$463 84	.....	.....	.....	1669, 62,	463, 84

Report on President's salary was received, read and adopted as follows:

Kent.....	\$60 00	Carlisle.....	\$20 00
Queen Anne.....	80 00	Warwick.....	45 00
W. Balto. Circuit.....	35 00	Jefferson.....	45 00
Belair.....	55 00	Union, Md.....	35 00
Susquehanna.....	30 00	Salisbury.....	25 00
Pike Creek.....	85 00	Frederick.....	55 00
Georgetown.....	85 00	Salem, Pa.....	25 00
E. Washington.....	20 00	South Balto.....	25 00
Anne Arundel.....	30 00	Washington St.....	40 00
Alexandria.....	35 00	Baltimore Circuit.....	30 00
Concord.....	15 00	Frederick Mission.....	20 00
Caroline.....	40 00	Liberty.....	65 00
Choptank.....	20 00	Worcester.....	20 00
E. Baltimore.....	35 00	Newark.....	40 00
Ninth St, Washington.....	35 00	Sussex.....	25 00
Newtown.....	60 00	New Market.....	40 00
Talbot.....	85 00	Broadway Mission.....	45 00
Snow Hill.....	30 00	Delaware.....	35 00
Dorchester.....	35 00	Union, Pa.....	10 00
Cumberland.....	25 00	Potomac.....	20 00
Harmony.....	20 00	Kent Island.....	15 00
Cecil.....	35 00	Lexington St.....	40 00
Howard.....	70 00	Starr Church.....	40 00
Cambridge.....	20 00	Montgomery Mission.....	10 00
W. Baltimore.....	70 00	Frederick Avenue.....	10 00
Bedford.....	35 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	15 00
Chesapeake.....	30 00	Severn.....	15 00
Harper's Ferry.....	5 00		
Whole amount assessed.....		\$2000 00	

The following offered by Rev. John Roberts, was adopted:

Resolved, By this Conference, that the General Conference be respectfully requested to amend Article VI, Section I, of the Constitution, so as to include Superintendents of Sabbath schools, in the constituent elements of a Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.

The report of the Missionary Steward was read, received and adopted, as follows:

Alexandria.....	\$8 50	CIRCUITS.	
West Baltimore.....	315 61	Anne Arundel.....	12 00
East Baltimore.....	33 84	Bedford.....	4 00
South Baltimore.....	*27 91	West Baltimore.....	12 00
Washington Street Station	20 00	Belair.....	62 00
Georgetown.....	602 87	Concord.....	3 00
Salem, Philadelphia.....	60 00	Carlisle.....	6 75
9th Street, Washington.....	5 00	Cecil.....	9 00
Starr Church--No report.		Caroline.....	12 25

Cambridge—No report.

Dorchester.....	17 80
Frederick	22 06
Howard	28 00
Harmony.....	7 00
Kent	162 67
Baltimore and Towsontown Mission.....	20 00
Newtown.....	53 00
Pipe Creek	79 64
New Market.....	11 50
Liberty.....	82 00
Jefferson and Frederick Mission.....	6 27
Worcester.....	7 36
Susquehanna.....	15 00
Queen Anne.....	\$130 30
Sussex.....	1 00
Snowhill.....	7 30
Talbot.....	26 89
Union, Md.....	48 00
Union, Pa.....	3 00
Warwick.....	39 84
Salisbury.....	7 84

MISSIONS.

Broadway.....	70 00
Lexington Street.....	214 44
Frederick Avenue.....	117 00
Buckeystown.....	55 44
Cumberland.....	24 75
Choptank	6 20
Delaware	8 00
East Washington.....	4 35
Kent Island.....	30 00
Montgomery—No report.	
Millsboro'—No report.	
Potomac—No report.	
Newark.....	16 00
Tiaskin—No report.	
Williamsport and Berkeley	3 53
From a Friend.....	1 00
Delegate from East Wash- ington.....	10 00
Conference Annual Sub- scription.....	58 20
Missionary Meeting.....	303 21
Basket Collection.....	19 20
Treasurer M. S., balance...	170 90

\$3.094 42

*\$20.20 of this was paid by the S. School.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATION.

Note to John Coates, with interest.....	\$723 22	full am't paid.
Broadway	800 00	" " "
Lexington Street.....	450 00	" " "
Kent Island.....	200 00	" " "
Newark	300 00	" " "
Cumberland.....	350 00	" " "
Delaware.....	150 00	" " "
Towsontown	100 00	" " "
Choptank.....	100 00	" " "
Montgomery.....	100 00	" " "
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	100 00	" " "
Potomac.....	75 00	" " "
Buckeystown.....	200 00	paid \$58,78.

C. H. LITTLETON, *Steward*.

The following paper was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Church Ritual. On motion of R. S. Norris,

Resolved, That our Representatives to the ensuing General Conference be, and they are hereby requested, to ask that Body so to change or modify the Form of Reception, found in our Book of Discipline, page 134, as to require of the officiating minister the use of those questions found on page 103 of the same book.

On motion of S. A. Hoblitzell, a vote of thanks to the proprietors of the several lines of travel, for their courtesy in granting half-price tickets to the members of the Conference, was adopted.

The President then addressed the Conference, and read the following list of appointments, after which the Conference adjourned with religious exercises, conducted by the President.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

President—JOHN J. MURRAY.

STATIONS.

East Baltimore—Daniel Bowers.
West Baltimore—Edward J. Drinkhouse, M. D.
South Baltimore—R. Semple Rowe, Theodore D. Valiant.
Washington St.—Daniel F. Ewell, M. D.
Starr Church and Lexington Street Mission—John R. Nichols, Milton E. Hysore. Francis Waters, D. D., Supernumerary assistant at Starr Church.
Georgetown—David A. Shermer.
Ninth St., Washington—D. Evans Reese.
Alexandria—Henry Nice.
Salem, Philadelphia—Jno. W. Charlton; Thomas A. Moore, Supernumerary assistant.

CIRCUITS.

Anne Arundel—Charles H. Littleton; Hanson P. Jordan, Supernumerary assistant.
Belair—James K. Nichols, John E. Read.
Baltimore—Wm. W. Reese, Thos. G. Downes.
Baltimore, West—Chas. T. Cochel, Francis M. Hawkins.
Bedford—John Elderdice, John E. Darby.
Caroline—Wm. T. Dumm; one to be supplied.
Cecil—James M. Elderdice; one to be supplied.
Cambridge—James T. Lassell.
Carlisle—To be supplied.
Concord—George S. Battersby.
Chesapeake—James E. Maloy.
Dorchester—Wm. M. Poisal.

Frederick—John Roberts, Jas. C. Stewart.
Harmony—James H. Ellegood.
Howard—David Wilson, Alfred T. Melvin.
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission—Wm. S. Hammond. One to be supplied; Thos. L. McLean, Supernumerary assistant.
Kent—Lawrence W. Bates, John M. Holmes.
Liberty—Daniel W. Bates.
Newtown—Jesse Shreeve, Henry E. Miskimon.
New Market—James F. Whiteside, Saml. T. Ferguson.
Pipe Creek—Rhesa Scott Norris, J. Thos. Ward, Supernumerary assistant.
Prince William—To be supplied.
Queen Anne—Henry C. Cushing, George D. Edmonston.
Snow Hill—John D. Kinzer.
Severn—John B. Jones.
Sussex—Wm. G. Holmes; one to be supplied.
Salisbury—Robert Whinna.
Susquehanna—Thomas Lee.
Talbot—Silas B. Southerland, John W. Everist, Augustus W. Mather.
Union, Md.—Abraham D. Dick.
Union, Pa.—To be supplied.
Warwick—Webster M. Strayer.
Worcester—Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.; John M. Dennis, Supernumerary assistant.

MISSIONS.

Broadway, Baltimore—P. Light Wilson.
Cumberland—James W. Gray.

Choptank—Benjamin F. Benson.	Tiaskin—To be supplied.
Delaware—John E. T. Ewell, M. D.; one to be supplied.	Williamsport and Berkeley—Geo. W. Burns.
East Washington—James Thompson.	Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT—J. Thomas Murray.
Frederick Avenue—Wm. D. Litzinger.	Left without appointments at their own request—Augustus Webster, D. D.; George W. Simpson.
Harper's Ferry—Jeremiah Clay.	Superannuated—Eli Henkle, Thos. M. Wilson, Jos. A. McFaden,
Kent Island—Sam'l T. Graham.	Hamilton J. Day, Thos. M. Bryan,
Montgomery—Alfred Baker.	Christian Eversole, Jos. L. Mills.
Millsborough—To be supplied.	Left without appointment—John Morgan.
Newark—Fred'k Swentzel, M. D.	
Potomac—Solomon A. Hoblitzell, Oliver Cox.	

Rev. G. S. Battersby appealed from the decision of the President, and after consultation, the Committee on Appeals decided to recommend that he be assigned to Union, Penn.

The Conference then adjourned *sine die*.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

The Electoral College of the Maryland Conference was organized on the fifth day of the session of Conference, Monday, March 19, 1866. Rev. Luther J. Cox was elected President, and Revs. S. B. Southerland and J. T. Murray, Secretaries.

The College proceeded to the election of 18 delegates to the General Conference, upon the statement that there were 9,360 members within the Maryland District. The first ballot resulted in the election of the following: S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, John J. Murray and Dr. Francis Waters, Ministers, and W. D. Massey, George Vickers, J. W. Richardson and J. B. Mathews, laymen.

A second ballot resulted in the election of Rev. J. K. Nichols and Joseph Libbey. Rev. L. J. Cox was elected on the third ballot. On the fourth ballot Rev. John Roberts and Joseph Graham, L. J. Cox, Jr., Dr. J. Billingslea and Dr. Joshua Wilson, laymen were elected. On the 5th ballot Revs. J. W. Everist and P. Light Wilson were elected.

The College then went into an election for alternates and the nine persons who received the highest vote in the balloting for delegates, were elected, by the Secretary being unanimously authorized to cast the vote for the College. They are as follows: Revs. D. Wilson, J. R. Nichols, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, D. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, D. A. Shermer, D. E. Reese, H. C. Cushing and Dr. A. S. Eversole, ministers and R. Thomas, John Smith, T. A. Newman, P. E. Kent, L. Martin, F. J. Bartlett, J. A. Kennedy, O. Hammond and T. G. Resler, laymen.

College then adjourned,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, }
J. T. MURRAY, } Secretaries.

REV. THOMAS H. B. AUSTIN.

[As the readers of the PROTESTANT have been apprized, it becomes my painful duty, briefly to record the incidents of the life and death of my youthful and lamented colleague, of which melancholy event the readers of the PROTESTANT have already been informed. The Great Head of the Church having determined that the last months of his ministerial life, should be spent in co-operative labors on this Circuit, with myself, I accept as providential, the delicate and melancholy duty I am now called upon to perform. And I do this the more cheerfully, from his having at the last session of our Annual Conference, with child-like simplicity and sincerity, expressed personally his gratification in being assigned as my co-laborer in the itinerancy. As I cannot, in any sense, "care for him" as living, it is fitting and proper I should fulfil my obligations to his memory, now that he is dead.

Extract from Biographical sketch, written by Rev. David Wilson for the METHODIST PROTESTANT.]

REV. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Austin, was born in Baltimore, Md. Died June 26th, 1865, aged 23 years.

Our acquaintance with Bro. AUSTIN dates back to a period nearly coincident with the founding of the Broadway Mission, under the superintendency of Rev. Jesse Shreeve, in the fall of eighteen hundred and sixty. He professed conversion and united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Jefferson Street Station; himself, mother and father, not long after connecting themselves with the Methodist Protestant Church.

Very soon thereafter his thoughts and feelings were engaged in an effort to fit himself for the discharge of the duties of the Gospel ministry. He longed ardently for a more thorough preparation than he could probably obtain. Meantime our admirable Methodist system, giving active employment to all available talent, developed his talents much more rapidly than he had reason to expect. The class-room and the revival meeting kept him constantly and usefully employed. Rev. Dr. Waters and J. Shreeve, superintended, to the extent of advice, as to the books to be read, and the manner of reading—furnishing additional instruction in sermonizing, &c. Unfortunately, his means were limited, and even this unsatisfactory work of preparation had to be abandoned. Rev. P. L. Wilson, being alone in the midst of his protracted-meeting labors, on Pipe Creek, it was suggested that he should remain with him, rendering all the available assistance possible in these revival labors. Here it may properly be said he commenced his ministry. It is the universal verdict, that his labors were most acceptable and useful. The Church generously supplied clothing, money, and all which was essential as a necessary preparation to his entrance upon his regular itinerant labors the ensuing spring.

He was received at the Conference at West Baltimore, and appointed as Assistant on Union Circuit, with Rev. J. A. McFaden. The next spring he was sent to Kent, with Revs. L. W. Bates and R. S. Rowe. About the middle of the year, he was unfortunately drafted into the military service of the United States. Bewildered, frightened, dispirited, and withall destitute of means with which to procure a substitute, and at the time temporarily absent from his field of labor, during which

period he had been appointed to succeed Rev. Jno. D. Kinzer on Frederick mission, he unwisely determined to abandon all and flee to Canada. He passed the military frontier unchallenged, and remained there laboring at his vocation, as a printer, for several months. Better counsels prevailing, he returned, submitted to a medical examination, and was discharged. We have often heard him refer to the sensation of relief afforded him after having passed successfully this terrible ordeal. Others may, but under all the circumstances, though we did not approve, we had not the heart to condemn the course he pursued.

His appointment to Howard Circuit, he was always wont to speak of as a most providential and auspicious event. And it is not too much to affirm that his qualification was fully reciprocated by the entire Circuit. Said a prominent member of the Church to the writer a few days ago, "No young minister ever labored in this community within my recollection, who, in so short a time, made so favorable an impression." He was universally beloved. Members of our own and members of other Churches, were alike kind and attentive, and he would have shown an extraordinary degree of steadfastness and humility, had he passed this popular ordeal entirely unscathed. This was our only fear, yet it is but justice to his memory to say that he seemed subdued, melted, and humbled by these manifestations of kindness and approval.

For several weeks prior to his death he was greatly depressed by an obstinate bilious derangement. With two exceptions, however, he met all his appointments, and at the time of the fatal accident was in better health and spirits than usual.

On the day before his death he preached with unusual fervor and acceptance at "Linthicum Chapel," and "All Saints."

In the morning he announced the 386th and 408th hymns, in the commencement and conclusion of the services. Can it be, that these selections were accidentally made? In view of his then near and unexpected end, the concluding stanzas are remarkably apposite, leaving the conviction that the Holy Spirit was then sitting upon his soul as a "refiner and purifier of silver," consuming the dross of sin, and preparing him for the communion and companionship of the "Saints in light." In the afternoon, at "All saints," he was unusually solemn and pathetic in his appeals to the young. That evening he remarked to sister G—, "*I have this day dedicated myself anew to God:*" giving this as a reason for his refusal to mingle in the society of some young ladies assembled in the parlor. Doubtless, (angels) were already poising round him for their heavenward flight. He was no longer of earth. His place was already prepared and waiting in the mansion of the blessed. Several weeks before his death, in visiting the graves of his father and brother, with his mother, he expressed the conviction that he would be the next member of the family to follow them to the tomb. Such incidents we are aware have special interest only to surviving relatives and friends. They serve to show, nevertheless, that God, in His good Providence, strangely deepens and intensifies the spiritual impressions of His children in view of their near and unexpected entrance upon the scenes of the untried and invisible world.

We are aware that much of the interest which now attaches to his brief history, springs from the melancholy circumstances attendant upon his death. This sad event deepened and intensified the favorable impressions made by his youthful ministry. Had he died from sudden stroke of disease, the affliction would have been far less painful. Notwithstanding, he was possessed of many excellent and interesting traits

of character, such as in any sphere of labor would have insured him popularity and success. Self-reliant, affable and courteous in manner; kind and generous in disposition; he impressed favorably all with whom he associated.

Of Brother AUSTIN, as a preacher, we are scarcely prepared to speak. Hearing him but once, at night, when the heat was excessive and the audience small, we were compelled to form the estimate of what he was in the pulpit from the statements of others. Suffice it to say, he was destined ere long to hold a position as a preacher much in advance of his years.

He was enthusiastically attached to the interests and principles of the Methodist Protestant Church. With him, Church interests seemed nearly equal to his love for souls.

A mysterious providence has suddenly terminated his earthly labors. It is well. With his grief-stricken relatives, and his scarcely less afflicted friends, we bow submissively to the Divine Will, believing his work was done. As in earthly contests, the youthful warrior, who snatches the standard, plants it first upon the frowning ramparts of the enemy, is the first to fall, while the sturdy veterans of many years stand unscathed; so also is it in the spiritual conflicts of the Church.

"Servant of God! well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

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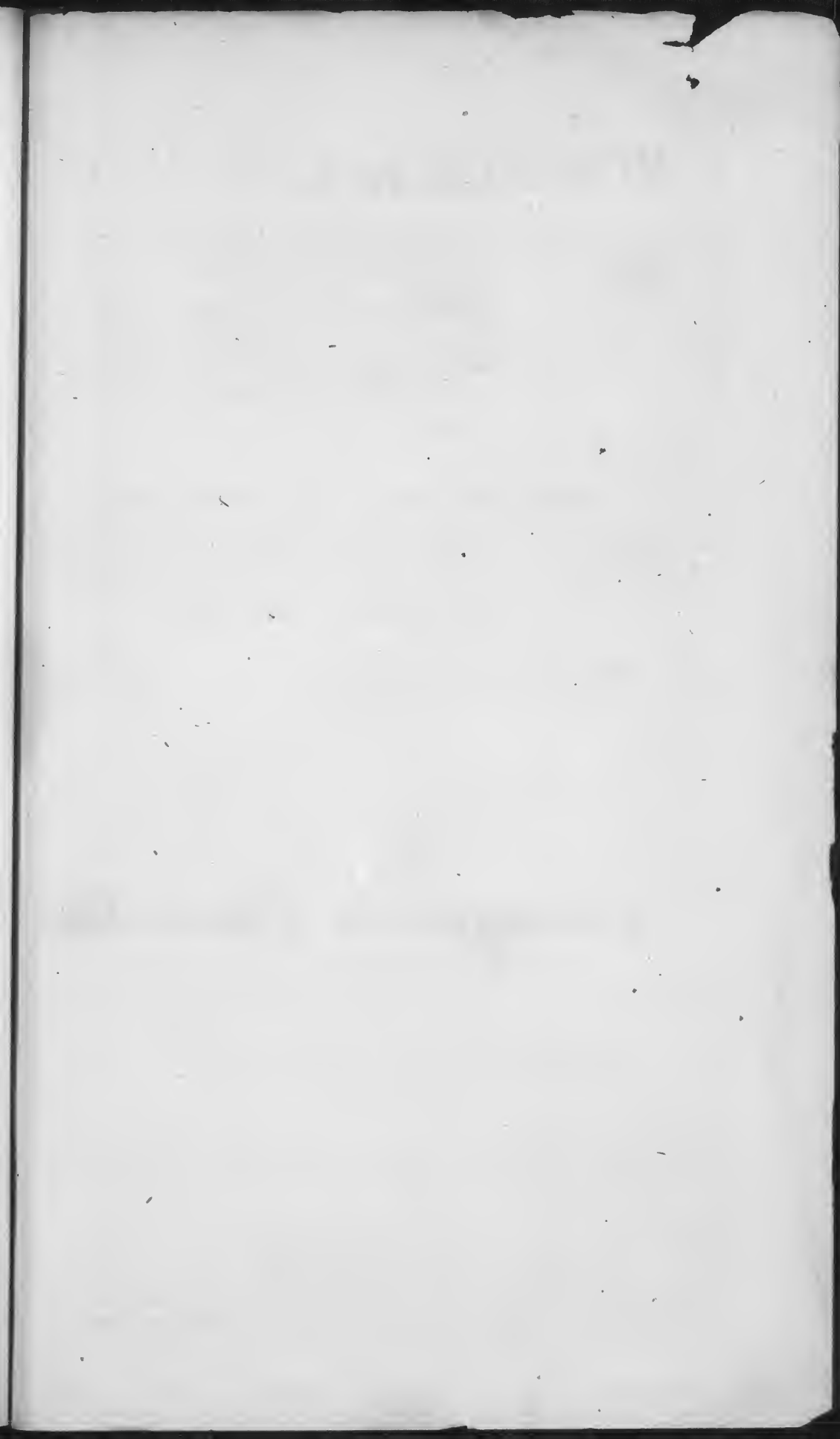
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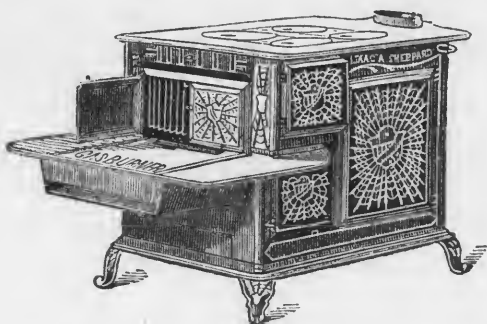
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